

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2012, AT 9:15 AM  
IN THE MARY BRENNAN BOARD ROOM  
T. F. GREEN AIRPORT  
2000 POST ROAD, WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND**

**The special meeting of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (“Corporation”) Board of Directors was called to order by Chair, Kathleen C. Hittner, M.D., at 9:19 am, in the Mary Brennan Board Room at 2000 Post Road, Warwick, Rhode Island, in accordance with the notice duly posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen C. Hittner, M.D; Deborah M. Thomas; Bradford S. Dimeo; Robert D. Sangster; Michael A. Traficante; Michael F. Ryan.**

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph M. Cianciolo.**

**ALSO PRESENT: Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., President and CEO; and those members listed on the attendance sheet attached hereto.**

**1. Open Forum:**

**It was noted for the record that the Open Forum would be limited to**

**10 minutes.**

**Dr. Hittner asked if anyone present wanted to speak in Open Forum.**

**Mr. Langseth, representing the Greenwich Bay Watershed, read a prepared statement which had been distributed to Board Members prior to the meeting. The statement supported a provision in the proposed Memorandum of Understanding concerning relocating the Winslow Park Ball Fields to the Community College of Rhode Island.**

**Mr. Sabatoni, representing the Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades, commended both RIAC and the Warwick City Council for reaching a Memorandum of Understanding resolving the city's challenge of the FAA's Record of Decision.**

**Ms. Malcolm, representing the Warwick Historical Cemeteries, briefly discussed the proposed impact of the runway improvements to one of the historical cemeteries in Warwick, and noted that there is a provision in the proposed Memorandum of Understanding that will mitigate the impacts to this cemetery. Ms. Malcolm thanked everyone for their support during the process.**

**Ms. Raymond, representing the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, commended RIAC and the Warwick City Council for reaching a Memorandum of Understanding resolving the city's challenge of the FAA's Record of Decision.**

## **2. Executive Session:**

**At approximately 9:25 am a motion was made by Mr. Dimeo and seconded by Mr. Ryan to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following item:**

**(a) Discussion Related to One Pending Litigation Matter (EIS – City of Warwick vs FAA; D.C. Circuit Court) – R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(a)(2).**

**By the following roll call vote the motion was passed unanimously.**

**YEAS: Kathleen C. Hittner, M.D.**

**Deborah M. Thomas**

**Bradford S. Dimeo**

**Robert D. Sangster**

**Michael A. Traficante**

**Michael F. Ryan**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**At approximately 9:45 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Dimeo to reconvene to the Open Session. The motion was passed unanimously.**

### **3. Post Executive Session Actions and Announcements:**

**A motion was made by Mr. Dimeo and seconded by Mr. Ryan to seal the minutes of the Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 42-46-4. By the following roll call vote the motion was passed unanimously.**

**YEAS: Kathleen C. Hittner, M.D.**

**Deborah M. Thomas**

**Bradford S. Dimeo**

**Robert D. Sangster**

**Michael A. Traficante**

**Michael F. Ryan**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

### **4. Action Item:**

**(a) Consideration of and Action Upon Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Warwick Resolving the City's Challenge of the Federal Aviation Administrations's Record of Decision (ROD).**

**Mr. Dillon thanked Governor Chafee, who was in attendance at the**

meeting for his support of the airport, and specifically the runway expansion project. Mr. Dillon noted that Governor Chafee has always been a champion of the airport and was instrumental in helping the City of Warwick and RIAC work towards a balanced agreement which would benefit both the community and the airport.

Mr. Dillon thanked Councilman Colantuono who was also in attendance at the meeting for his support during the negotiation process.

Mr. Dillon gave a detailed overview of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the City. Discussion focused on the specific provisions contained in the draft agreement, which included the overall land acquisition program; the relocation of Main Avenue; the relocation of the Winslow Park Ball Fields; the historical cemeteries; air quality; water quality; and community outreach provisions. There was also discussion of the financing for the projects, including the timing of costs and federal funding.

Mr. Ryan took the opportunity to congratulate Board Members, Kevin Dillon, and the RIAC staff for bringing the Memorandum of Understanding to fruition. Mr. Ryan also commended Governor Chafee and Mayor Avedisian for their support during the process.

Mr. Traficante reported that he was pleased that RIAC and the City of Warwick had reached an agreement and noted that the expansion

**project will have positive impacts to the state economy in the form of construction jobs.**

**A motion was made by Dr. Hittner to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Warwick and the Rhode Island Airport Corporation, substantially in the form presented, and authorize the President and CEO of RIAC, or his designee, to execute said Memorandum and all other documents required to secure the dismissal of the legal challenge brought by the City of Warwick to the Federal Aviation Administration Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision. Mr. Sangster seconded the motion. By roll call vote the motion was passed unanimously.**

**YEAS: Kathleen C. Hittner, M.D.**

**Deborah M. Thomas**

**Bradford S. Dimeo**

**Robert D. Sangster**

**Michael A. Traficante**

**Michael F. Ryan**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**Dr. Hittner took the opportunity to thank everyone who had provided**

unwavering support to the airport during the negotiation process. Special thanks were given to Governor Chafee, the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, and the Go Green Alliance. Dr. Hittner briefly discussed the positive benefits the expansion will provide for the City and the State, also noting the positive relationships that were developed as everyone worked together to craft an agreement that benefitted the State, the City and the airport.

Governor Chafee commended the RIAC Board, Mr. Dillon and the RIAC staff, Mayor Avedisian, and the City Council for reaching an agreement to advance this vital state project which will continue to enhance the airport as a central transportation hub.

#### **5. Future Meetings:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., in the Mary Brennan Board Room, T. F. Green Airport, 2000 Post Road, Warwick, Rhode Island.

#### **6. Adjournment:**

Mr. Traficante moved to adjourn at approximately 10:11 am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dimeo. The motion was passed anonymously.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kathleen C. Hittner, M.D., Chair**  
**Rhode Island Airport Corporation**

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE SHEET**  
**RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**ON THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2012**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
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<b>The Honorable Lincoln Chafee</b>	<b>Governor, State of Rhode Island</b>
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<b>George Zainyah</b>	<b>Governor's Office</b>
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<b>Peter Frazier</b>	<b>RIAC</b>
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<b>Brian Schattle</b>	<b>RIAC</b>
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**Patti Goldstein    RIAC**

**Val Mendonca    HNTB**

**Raymond Choiniere    House Policy Office**

**Richard Langseth    Greenwich Bay Watershed**

**Robert Goff    New England Parking**

**Bill Holmes    Carpenters Local 94**

**Barbara Polichetti    Providence Journal**

**Steven Colantuono    Warwick City Council**

**John Howell    Warwick Beacon**

**Michael Sabatoni    RI Building and Construction Trades**

**Roy Coulombo    RI Building and Construction Trades**

**A. Washington    WJAR-TV**

**Steve Klampkin    WPRO**

**Peggy Malcolm    Warwick Historical Cemeteries**

**Laurie White    Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce**

**Janet Raymond    Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce**

**John Guice    WLNE**

**Mary Murphy    Providence Journal**

**Sean Daly    WPRI**

**Greg Mancini    Build RI**

**The minutes of the Executive Session of the Special Board Meeting of March 1, 2012, have been sealed in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 42-46-4.**